



## **BAY AREA DRUM SITE GROUNDWATER SAMPLING WORK NOTIFICATION**

**November 1996**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

This notice is being distributed and posted in the area where groundwater sampling will be conducted for the Bay Area Drum Site in November 1996. The sampling will occur at existing monitoring well locations at and around the Bay Area Drum Site, which is located at 1212 Thomas Avenue in San Francisco.

This field work is part of the ongoing investigation of groundwater conditions beneath the Site. The work will be performed by environmental consultants in accordance with workplans that have been approved by the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

### **BACKGROUND**

The Bay Area Drum Site was used as a drum reconditioning facility from the mid-1940s until 1987. A variety of chemicals--including oils, solvents, paints and asphalt products--were contained in the used drums that were sent to the Site for reconditioning. Bay Area Drum cleaned, reconditioned, repainted and sold the used drums to other firms. During the years of operation, however, hazardous wastes that were contained in the drums leaked into the soil and groundwater.

In late 1987 and early 1988, DTSC oversaw an Expedited Response Action at the Site. That action required the removal and proper disposal of contaminated soil and stored waste materials from the drum yard and adjacent properties, as well as the capping and fencing of the drum yard.

### **GROUNDWATER SAMPLING ACTIVITIES**

Contractors will collect groundwater from the 20-30 groundwater monitoring wells located on or near the Site. Analysis of the samples will provide current groundwater data to compare with previous sampling results.

All materials and equipment related to the sampling will be removed from the Site vicinity at the end of each work day. The groundwater sampling will occur over a period of about three days during the week of November 18.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BAY AREA DRUM SITE**

### ***Local Information Repositories:***

Copies of site-related documents are available for public review at the

**Anna E. Waden Public Library**  
Reference Desk  
5075 Third Street  
San Francisco, California  
(415) 468-1323

Documents may also be viewed at DTSC's file room in Berkeley (by appointment only). Call (510) 540-3800 for appointments.

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